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Messina, October 3, *N. S.*

LETTERS from Malta dated the 26th past give an Account, that a Maltese Privateer being cruizing in the Levant, the greatest Part of the Crew combined together, and possessing themselves of all the Small Arms, murdered their Commander, with four or five Subaltern Officers. Being thus become Masters of the Ship, they soon afterwards fell in with a French Settee from Scandaroon, with a very rich Cargo on board for Leghorn, which they took. They put the French Settee's Men, with some few of their own Crew (whose Lives they had spared, though they would not concur with them in their pyratical Measures) on board the Privateer Vessel, and so left them, and sailed in their Prize the Settee for Bruccio di Mano, where fortunately another Maltese Privateer was cruizing, which getting between the Pyrates in their Settee and the Shore, came up with them, attacked them, and after an Engagement of four Hours, took them and carried them into Malta; where soon after arrived the Privateer Ship on board which were the Crew of the Settee, with those who belonged to the Privateer and who would not joyn with the Pyrates, very seasonably for the readier Conviction of the Pyrates, who were soon to be tried.

Torbay, Nov. 17.

On the 15th Instant Captain Frankland, in his Majesty's Ship the Rose, appointed Convoy to the Trade going to Carolina and the Bahama Islands, took a Spanish Privateer off the Start Point, after a Chase of three Hours. The Privateer is an open Boat, rows with 14 Oars, is about 20 Tuns, 30 Foot long, and carries 25 Men, has two Masts, and to all Appearance is like a French Fishing boat, but larger. About four Months ago this same Privateer took a Ship laden with Cheese and Lead; about 10 Weeks ago she took a Brigantine; on Thursday last she took a Ship off Dartmouth, and sent her to Port Passage in Biscay; at which Place the Privateer herself was fitted out; on Friday Night she ran a Sloop on Shore near the Start; and she boarded another Sloop, and put three Hands in her, just before the Rose came in Sight of her. As soon as the Privateer saw Captain Frankland making towards her, she took the three Men out of the Prize, and then cutting all her Tackling to Pieces, she quitted her. Capt. Frankland found in the Privateer two young Men, Sons of the Master of the Vessel she had taken and sent to Port Passage, who, together with the Captain of the Privateer, and all the Crew, Capt. Frankland has on board the Rose. The Captain of the Privateer appears to be a Genoese; he speaks English, French, Dutch and Spanish: And the Crew of the Privateer appear to be Biscaneers.

Whitehall, November 21.

The King has has been pleased to constitute and appoint Charles Polhill, John Fowle, James Vernon, Robert Eyre, and Horatio Townshend, Esq; Sir Thomas Robinson Baronet, William Burton, and John Orlebar, Esqrs. together with Augustine Earle, Esq; in the Room of Thomas Wylde, Esq; deceased, to be his Commissioners for the Management and Receipt of his Majesty's Revenue of Excise and other Duties, within England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed.

St. James's, November 19.

This Day Prince Scherbatow, Plenipotentiary Minister from the Czar, had a private Audience of his Majesty, to notify the Death of the late Czarina, and to present his new Credential Letters: He was introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, Nov. 21. This Day Prince Scherbatow had a private Audience of his Royal Highness the Duke.

And afterwards a private Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia, Caroline and Louisa: To both which he was introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London, give Notice, that they intend to Lett by Lease, The Place or Office of one of the Fifteen Sea-Coal Meeters of this City, now in Lease to Mr. Jonathan Collett. And that the said Committee will sit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 10th of December next, at Four a Clock in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals for the same; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

East India House, Nov. 21, 1740.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut up on Monday the 22d of December next, at Two o' Clock: That a Quarterly General Court will be holden at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 24th of the said Month: And that the Transfer Books of the said Company will be opened on Monday the 19th of January next; And that the Dividend Warrants due at Christmas next, will be ready to be delivered out on Thursday the 29th of the said Month of January.

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